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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kuorong Chiang

Serial No.: 09/864,824

Filed: May 24, 2001

For: Method and System for Inclusion Hash Joins and Exclusion Hash
Joins in Relational Databases

Attorney Docket No.: 9744

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 12, 2004

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply ended August 12, 2004, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims, are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.